



# GCSE English Literature – Core Curriculum

## Wales High School - Year 9 Subject Options

### Subject Content - What will you be doing?

In English Literature you will study a range of poetry, prose and drama texts from the 19th century right through to the modern day. Themes such as love, jealousy, murder, ambition and fate ensure there is never a dull moment! The texts you will study will be chosen by your class teacher from a prescribed list set by the exam board. All of the texts will appear on one of two exams.

#### Paper 1:

**Shakespeare:** students will answer one question on a play studied in class. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play 'Macbeth' and then to write about the play as a whole.

**The 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel:** students will answer one question on a novel studied in class. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel 'A Christmas Carol' and then to write about the novel as a whole.

#### Paper 2:

**Modern Texts:** students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on a modern prose or drama text studied in class, currently 'An Inspector Calls'.

**Poetry:** students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their poetry anthology, studied in class.

**Unseen Poetry:** students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing methods used in this poem with a second unseen poem.

### Key Points about the Subject

- Paper 1 counts for 40% of the final English Literature grade.
- Paper 2 counts for 60% of the final English Literature grade.
- The exam is 'closed book' which means copies of texts cannot be taken into the exam.
- GCSE grades are reported on a scale of 1-9. **The information above is subject to change and course content may change according to accreditation by the Department for Education.**
- There will be a range of 'enrichment' opportunities available, including theatre visits and a residential trip to London.

### Who can I speak to for more information?

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